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1. THE MONTHLY PRICES FOR NGASEIN RICE, 35 TO 38 PERCENT
BROKEN (THE MOST WIDELY AVAILABLE AND CONSUMED VARIETY), IN
RANGOON FOR 1978 ARE:

JANUARY	KYAT 3.12
FEBRUARY	KYAT 2.62
MARCH	KYAT 2.78
APRIL	KYAT 2.90
MAY	KYAT 2.95
JUNE	KYAT 3.00
JULY	KYAT 4.00

ALL PRICES ARE BURMESE KYATS (U.S. \$1 EQUALS KY 7) PER PYI
(1 PYI EQUALS 4.68 LBS.).

2. PRICES OF THE MOST IMPORTANT GRADES OF RICE FOR JUNE AND JULY
OF 1978 ON THE FREE MARKET AND IN COOPERATIVES ARE:

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TYPE	JUNE	JULY
NGAKYWE (15-25 PERCENT BROKEN)		
FREE MARKET	6.20	6.50
COOPERATIVES	NONE AVAILABLE	
EMATA (35-38 PERCENT BROKEN)		
FREE MARKET	5.43	6.00
COOPERATIVES	3.85	3.85

(AVAILABILITY IN COOPERATIVES LIMITED AND SPORADIC)

MEEDONE (35-38 PERCENT)

FREE MARKET	4.80	4.90
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COOPERATIVES	2.00	2.00
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(AVAILABILITY IN COOPERATIVES LIMITED AND SPORADIC)

GLUTINOUS

FREE MARKET	5.00	6.00
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COOPERATIVES	NONE AVAILABLE	
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NGASEIN (35-38 PERCENT)

FREE MARKET	3.00	4.00
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COOPERATIVE	1.90	1.90
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(AVAILABLE IN COOPERATIVES ONLY IN LIMIED QUALITY)

3. COOPERATIVES SELL RICE ON A QUOTA OF 2 PYIS PER PERSON

FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, DOWN FROM 6 PYIS PER ADULT AND 4 PYIS
PER CHILD EARLIER THIS YEAR.

4. RICE PRICES IN OTHER CITIES OF BURMA ARE REPORTEDLY ALMOST
THE SAME AS IN RANGOON. PRICES IN DEFICIT AREAS (I.E.,
HILL TRACTS) HAVE REPORTEDLY RISEN MORE SUBSTANTIALY;
PRECISE FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

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